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"Time to Tinker 'Round."

BY PAUL DUNBAR.
[From "Paul Dunbar, the Negro Poet," in the May Magazine Number of The Outlook.]

Summah's nice, wif suu a-shinin',
Spring is good wif greens and grass,
An dey's somethin' nice 'bout wintah,
Dough hit brings be freezin' blas':
But de time dat is de fines',
Whethah he's green er brown,
Is w'en de rain's a po'in'
An' dey's time to tinker 'round.

Den you men's muel's of 'ha'ness,
An' you men's de broken chair,
Hummin' all de time you's waukin'
Some ol' common kind o' air,
Evah now an' then you looks out,
Tryin' might ha'd to frown,
But you can't, you's glad hit's rainin',
An' dey's time to tinker 'round.

Oh you 'ten's lak you so anxious
Evah time it so't o' stops,
W'n hit goes on, den you will reckon
Dat de wet 'll he's de crops,
But hit ain't de crops you's atah:
You know w'en de rain comes down
Dat hits too wet out fu' wuikin',
An' dey's time to tinker 'round.

Oh, dey's fun inside de co'n crib,
An' dey's laffin at de ba'n;
An' dey's allus some one jokin',
Er some one to tell a ya'n,
Dah's a quiet in yo' cabin,
Only fu' de rain's sof' soun':
So you can't, you's blessed happy
W'en dey's time to tinker 'round.

Ovid.

Cashier H. N. Keys, of the First National Bank, has asked for a six month's vacation and the board of directors have kindly granted his request. Mr. Keys has been closely confined to his work for a number of years and his health demands a much needed rest. He will, however, be at the bank occasionally. During his vacation he will take pleasure and business trips in some of the western states. H. F. Harris has accepted the position as assistant cashier of the bank until the expiration of Mr. Keys' vacation.

Miss Mabel Trask, one of the teachers of Owosso, was offered her position the coming year, but declined as she wishes to return to the Normal and take a year or more in post graduate work to better prepare herself for teaching. Miss Trask is remembered as a former primary teacher in our school. The standard for teachers is advancing and the teacher who offers her services to the public without at least an equal time spent in preparation for the work that the lawyer gives or the physician gives to his, will find herself away back with the pettifogger and the quack. Miss Trask is a live, progressive teacher and I am proud that she was once one of our primary teachers.—Ovid Register-Union.

Byron.

Mr. Hunt, of the Byron bank, made a business trip to Fenton, Thursday.—O. D. Barnes has not been enjoying good health of late.—The girls of the beanyery and their best fellows enjoyed a dance Friday evening at the opera house, which was gotten up especially for the girls by F. E. Close & Co. Supper was furnished at the hotel.—A E. Richards, of Corunna, was here Saturday.—Mrs. Phebe Gregory, who has been here nearly all winter, left Wednesday for her home in Montana.—E. A. Sheldon and wife have been with relatives in Paw Paw during the winter. They returned to their home in Byron, Thursday. Mr. Sheldon reports not having enjoyed good health a part of the time while there, but is much improved in health at present.—Clifford Crandall, a student in the law department U. of M., visited at R. F. Harrington's last Friday.—Misses Kitty and Genia Brewster, of Ann Arbor, visited their grandmother, Mrs. Jabez Close, a few days last week.—M. M. Hillman, of Tyrone, was in Byron, Saturday, on account of the sickness of his sister, Mrs. William Joslin.

Judd's Corners.

Crowe & Payne, of Owosso, were at the Corners last Wednesday.—Freeman & Stoddard removed their stock of dry goods and groceries to Grand Ledge last Tuesday, where they expect to start business in the near future.—Harry Osburn, of Flint, was the guest of Miss Mae Stoddard, last Wednesday.—Harry Shiller has been entertaining a tribe of Job's comforters.—Seth Hotchkiss was the guest of Miss Blanche Hartson last week.—The postoffice has been removed from the hall into Mrs. Dowen's building.—Freeman Cosgrove will work for Bart Barrett this summer.—John Towle and Duke Brown report a pleasant time while at Corunna one day last week.—Nort. Davis, of Flushing, was in town last Friday.—Charles Beebe, of Owosso, visited friends here one day last week.—We have all heard of Jack the Ripper, Jack the Hair Clipper, and Jack the Peeper. We have a real Peeper here. Whether it is Jack, Bill, or Sam, we do not know, but if he isn't very careful he will get something in his peepers that will prevent him from pursuing his profession for some time.—Alfonzo Reed started on the road Monday morning with his new grocery wagon.—Last week Saturday Mrs. W. Warner and Miss Florence Corcoran met with a serious accident while rowing in a canoe, which capsized. Not being experienced swimmers both ladies had a severe struggle to keep their heads above water until help reached them.

"My husband had two cancers taken from his face, and another was coming on his hip. He took two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and it disappeared. He is completely well." Mrs. Wm. Kirby, Akron, Erie Co., N. Y.

Vernon.

Mrs. Wm. Cole and daughter, Miss Blanche, leave this week to spend the summer in New York state.—Simon Knoll was in town the last of the week. He has stored his household goods here.—The family of Charles Wallace has moved out of town.—Rev. Emerick and family are visiting at Flushing and Clio.—Mrs. D. M. Lytle returned from Flint on Monday.—Fred Easter and Artie Cooling ride new wheels.—Mrs. Churchill is quite sick.—Miss Mary Dyer will teach the Holmes school the coming year.—B. K. Holmes and family were at Owosso, Saturday.—Mr. Harrington, living just east of here, is quite sick.—A Sunday school convention will be held in the M. E. church, Sunday afternoon and evening.—Mrs. H. Grote and daughter Ethel, of St. Johns, spent Sunday in town.—F. M. Hopkins, of Saginaw, was in town the first of the week.—Mr. Hammond, of Detroit, was the guest of B. Holmes, Tuesday.—Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, of St. Louis, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Guy Davis, in this place.—Daniel Jewell is enjoying a visit from his brother.—Miss Myrtle Martin called on Durand friends on Saturday.—Fred West has purchased 50 acres of Aden Harrington's farm.—Old Mr. Lawson has moved into part of the Sweet house.—Byron Stephenson and family have moved to a farm near Gaines.—Mrs. A. Garrison and Mrs. H. Pinney visited relatives at Durand the first of the week.—Mrs. Ed. Wilkinson entertained relatives this week.—Supervisor Meyers is in town this week.

Burton.

There will be no services Sunday in the M. P. church until evening, on account of the annual Sunday school convention of Owosso and Middlebury.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell spent Tuesday with their niece, Mrs. Julia Cowan, of Ovid.—Rev. D. S. Cramer was called to Mt. Morris, Saturday, by the death of a relative.—John Vere and Norman Varcoe, of Oakley, spent Sunday with relatives near this place.—Miss Nellie Brokaw, of Ovid, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Cora Potter, returned home the last of last week.—Miss Edith Vincent was elected a delegate to attend the county Y. P. S. C. E. convention to be held in Perry, May 7 and 8.—Rev. M. R. Salgeon, of Lapeer, president of the Eastern Michigan M. P. Conference, preached here Sunday evening to a large and attentive congregation, using for his text 2 Cor. 6:1. He preached a very able sermon, showing much careful study.—Mrs. John Potter has returned from her visit with Mr. Wilcox and family at Ionia.—Mrs. G. Gibson spent a part of the week in St. Johns with her sister, Mrs. R. Bagley.—The aid society of the M. P. church will hold its next meeting Tuesday afternoon, May 4th, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Fleming.—Mrs. Helen Merrell, of Ovid, spent a part of the week with her son Ed.—The Owosso aid society meets Thursday, May 6, at the home of Mrs. U. M. Felton.—Measles have gone out of fashion in this place.—We do not think the board of health will have any occasion to call on the residents of our village in regard to cleaning up their premises, as nearly all (with the exception of a very few and we hope they will fall in line and do the same) have made great improvement in the looks of their homes in the way they have trimmed their shrubs, raked their yards and burned up the rubbish.

THE FOUR SEASONS.

As Viewed by the Doctor, Rather Than the Artist.

We often see in the magazines reproductions of famous paintings representing the Four Seasons. They are generally personated by beautiful women, and the typical spring is generally a young girl. She is buoyant and elastic, her eyes are full of fire, her form lithe and graceful. Her cheeks flush with health and there breathes from the canvas the impression of radiant health.

It is true, we sometimes see our young women in such a state of health in the spring-time; but it is the exception. Depression and languor are generally in evidence and the drooping, listless figure of the school girl, the dragging step of the housewife, are seen in nearly every home. Perfect health is rare in any season, but this is especially so in the spring. The great majority of the people need a tonic in the spring. There are a great many tonics and they are all taken by the people to a greater or less extent. But the one that seems most popular at this time of the year is Pe-r-u-na. It strengthens the weary body, invigorates the nerves and clears the mind. It leaves no bad effect upon the system when it is discontinued. The fact of the efficacy of Pe-r-u-na as a spring tonic is becoming more widely known every spring. More Pe-r-u-na is being taken this spring than ever before. The people have learned that it is unfailing, and so do not experiment, but immediately buy Pe-r-u-na when the old listlessness of "spring fever" overtakes them.

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"Turfanda."

MARSH, MARCH 17, 1897.

Dear Mrs. Ash and Mrs. Radford:—I received your good letter this post and wished to answer it at once, but on account of an equally meritorious and more imperative duty I deferred it. I adopted an orphan! These days we have "orphans on the brain" and therefore all my correspondents have them in their letters. More than 25 came in from Furnuz, a mountain town twelve long hours by caravan. The day here was so cold and raw that we shivered in our warmest winter clothes and with blazing fires. The mountains in summer are so cool that when there is no sun we wear jackets while there, and now the snow is very deep on them. The children were really almost dead when they got here, and no wonder. Little Turfanda (first fruits, it means) cannot be four years old yet. She seems a dear little baby. Now I feel some hesitancy in telling you how she came, but Mrs. Lee told me that it was literally true, that she especially noticed her condition and gave out clothes for her. She had on one cotton garment reaching half way to her knees. Mrs. Lee says that she is positive in her own mind that she did not have on a shirt, but even allowing a doubt there, she had nothing else—nothing around her even. Her poor little limbs were purple, and when the man took her from the other little girl who was carrying her she dropped exhausted on his shoulder. The others were in the same condition regarding clothes and nearly dead, as I said. Need I tell about the warm food and room, and bath, and clean clothes. No wonder the leader of a previous party said when he saw Mrs. Lee's room: "We have got to paradise!" This little girl braced up and said: "What a good place!" when they got in sight of the city, but who can tell what she thinks now? She speaks only village Armenian. She is with our nearest neighbor. The father of the family was our dear friend and killed in the massacre. They are lovely people. The little girl, Turfanda, is very proud of her new dress they say, and crowded with delight when she saw a hen—the first familiar object she has found, I dare say. I met 50 or more of the orphan boys just starting on their way to school for the first time (25 were, at least). They were from 5 to 10 years old, dressed in their new and clean, though coarse, garments and looking radiantly happy.

Do you wish to know what impresses me most as being the great difference between Christianity and other religions? It is the worth that it attaches to the individual soul. What does that word "soul" mean to other people? "Let them die, who cares?" is the sentiment ingrained in every fibre of their being. They don't seem to understand our working to save their lives as we do, but think we are doing it to lay up merit. I wonder if the churches at home stop to realize the value of a human being? It was worth the death of a God, and yet it is not worth \$25 a year to a church. Every church ought to adopt an orphan, I really believe. Here they will be educated, taught trades, and taught their duty to their God and to their fellow-men, and who can tell what a history they may make in this country? Yet there are from 2,700 to 3,000 more in our field waiting the judgment of the Christian world. Shall they be spared? I neglected to say that Turfanda's entire family were killed in the massacre. I heard of one of the orphans who hid in a cave where soldiers searched for any one in there.

It makes a hard problem for our schools. We should be so glad to have them taught at home, but it is against the law to teach or have a school in a building not having a written permission from the government. Of course no permission is to be had under any consideration. They enforce the law very strictly and we should find ourselves out of Turkey if we tried to disregard it. So these children must go to the Third

Church schools. Yesterday while there I counted 110 children in a room 15x30 feet. They were tiny little ones sitting wearily on the floor, many without books or anything, for when the widowed mother cannot buy bread how can she buy books, even with the 8 cents a week she receives from charity. There was one poor girl teacher of 15 struggling with that school. Oh, it is pitiful. I bought a blackboard and some slates to help out, and now that these new scholars have come we must have a new teacher, though where we will put her or how the money will be raised is a mystery. Oh yes, I give 50 plasters a month to help make up the necessary 60 (\$3 about, as it is silver). The church cannot even get permission to change a partition and plaster a wall. The money which I pay for the little girl Turfanda comes from a lady in Wisconsin.

MEDA HESS.

Christian Endeavor.

The county meeting of the Young Peoples' Societies of Christian Endeavor is to be held at Perry, on Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8. The officers of the county union are: President, Rev. Arthur Metcalf, Bancroft; secretary, Miss Leah Dodge, Laingsburg; treasurer, U. S. G. Stiff, Burton; superintendent of junior work, Rev. F. A. Stephens, Vernon.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROGRAM:
FRIDAY AFTERNOON.
2:00—Devotional.
2:15—Report of State Convention, Rev. J. C. Cramer, Owosso.
2:30—Relation of the Y. P. S. C. E. to the Sunday school, Mrs. F. M. Seely, Owosso.
3:00—Relation of the Y. P. S. C. E. to the Social Life, Mrs. J. V. D. Wyckoff, Laingsburg.
4:00—Relation of the Y. P. S. C. E. to the Out-siders, Mrs. Wm. Daines, Shafterburg.

FRIDAY EVENING.
7:30—Song service.
7:45—President's address, Rev. Arthur Metcalf, Bancroft.
8:15—Address, Untitled Acres, Rev. E. B. Allen, Lansing.

SATURDAY MORNING.
6:00—Sunrise Prayer Meeting, Rev. F. M. Codrington, Laingsburg.
8:45—Devotional.
9:00—Up to Date Committee Work, Miss Elizabeth Miner, Owosso.
9:30—How to Conduct Business Meetings, Mr. H. O. Fee, New Lothrop.
10:00—Open Parliament, C. E. Finance, Miss Leah E. Dodge, Laingsburg.
10:45—Open Parliament, What is your Society doing? (This is the time for the report of your Society. Be ready.)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.
1:30—Devotional.
1:45—The Active Member and His Pledge, Rev. W. G. Simmons, Corunna.
2:15—Junior Rally.
Song, Perry Juniors.
A Glance at the Field, Rev. F. A. Stephens.
Some Reasons Why I Believe in Junior C. E. Societies, Miss Maud Harper, Shafterburg.
Solo, Miss Jennie Gleason, Laingsburg.
Recitation, Miss Aggie McCulloch, Shafterburg.
Junior Exercise conducted by Mrs. Beattie Macquene, Perry.
Hymn, Congregation.
Paper, Does Junior C. E. Work Pay? Mrs. R. G. Houghton, Laingsburg.
Report of State Convention Junior Rally, Miss Milla Reynolds, Vernon.
Recitation, Miss Ella Connor, Owosso.
3:30—Missionary address, Rev. Chas. Y. Abrahamson, Smyrna, Turkey.
4:15—Consolation meeting, led by Miss Kate Corlett, Owosso.

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